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REMARKS

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1. Prior to 14 August 1950 the Friedrich Franz Kaserne, Neuruppin (N 53/Z 49), housed a unit with four 122-mm field guns; a unit with twelve 37-mm AA guns, eight of which were stored on Scholtenplatz; a unit with two 152-mm heavy howitzers; a unit with eight rocket launchers, some of which were stored on Scholtenplatz; and a unit with three 57-mm AT guns. The installation was occupied beyond capacity by 1,200 to 1,500 troops who wore only red-bordered black epaulettes with artillery insignia.
2. Motor vehicles [redacted] towing an AA gun, [redacted] were seen in the barracks area. A column of motor vehicles loaded with baggage and ammunition boxes entered the billeting area on 9 August 1950, coming from the direction of the railroad station. [redacted]
3. On 8 August 1950 a signal communication unit was seen for the first time in the area of the former telegraphic engineering office. [redacted]
4. Prior to 14 August 1950 the See Kaserne was occupied to capacity by about 800 troops belonging to a unit with about 25 HS and T-34 tanks, another unit with four SP guns, and a third unit with about twenty 120-mm mortars, some of which were stored on Scholtenplatz. Soldiers entering the barracks wore red-bordered black epaulettes with tank and artillery insignia. [redacted]
5. Scholtenplatz was used as a storage area for trucks, rocket launchers, 37-mm AA guns, and mortars. Guards wore artillery insignia. [redacted]

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6. A unit with 12 armored scout cars, another unit with three 37-mm AT guns, and a third unit with three 85-mm AT guns were at the airfield of Neuruppin. [redacted]

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7. [redacted] the Fridericus Kaserne served as quarters for a tank regiment of about 2,500 men with 100 to 200 tanks. About 75 percent of the tanks were T-34s, and 25 percent of the JS type.

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9. Between 22 and 24 August 1950 the Fridericus Kaserne was occupied to capacity. Many large passenger cars were in the garages. The headquarters for the units in the billeting area seemed to be in the former hospital because there were telephone lines and motor traffic between the two installations. [redacted]

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Comments.

- (1) In late July 1950 [redacted] the Friedrich-Franz Kaserne was 50 percent occupied by about 1,000 troops. [redacted] It is possible that some units which were away from the post temporarily returned to the barracks in early August 1950. All motor vehicle [redacted] belong to components of the 12th Sds Tank Div. [redacted] at least the howitzer artillery regiment and the AAA regiment of the 12th Sds Tank Div are stationed in that billeting area. The division's rocket launcher battalion may be there but rocket launchers were also seen in the See Kaserne. [redacted]
- (2) The telegraphic engineering office is presumably located on Junkerstrasse where the signal battalion of the 12th Sds Tank Div was previously believed to be in one building. [redacted]
- (3) JS tanks and SP guns were previously observed in the See Kaserne. [redacted] It is possible that the 71st Sds Hvy Tn SP Regt of the 12th Sds Tank Div may be in the See Kaserne in addition to the 226th Art Regt which is confirmed by this report.
- (4) [redacted]
- (5) [redacted] the 34th Sds 12 Rifle Regt of the division is stationed at the airfield. [redacted] The equipment there probably belonged to this regiment.

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(6)

[redacted] The Fridericus Kaserne presumably houses the three medium tank regiments of the 12th Gds Tank Div

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[redacted] elements of the Hq 12th Gds Tank Div, possibly the command echelon, were thought to be in the restricted area near Rheinsberger Tor. [redacted] However, it is possible that other elements of the division headquarters are in the former military post hospital and that the motor pool of the headquarters is in the Fridericus Kaserne.

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[redacted] most of the components of the 12th Gds Tank Div were still at their home station of Neuruppin on 14 August 1950.

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